

Please allow independent Internet companies to function. They will help to keep prices competitive and therefore low, and also are local businesses staffed by local people aware of weather or other conditions affecting service. They connect much more quickly than do overburdened large companies, and their dialups do not require using numbers outside my immediate calling area (which was not the case when I tried to use AT&T Worldnet when first moving to Lee; just connecting involved making long-distance calls to the nearest number they could give me!). Please don't let a few already huge corporations swallow the market; their priority is profit, not individualized service.